

**NO-Synthase inhibitor and uses thereof**

The present invention relates to the use of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine, in a physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine or the composition being intended to inhibit NO-synthase.

The term NO-synthase covers a family of enzymes that perform the enzymatic conversion of L-arginine to citrulline, during which reaction is produced a gaseous mediator with numerous functions, nitrogen monoxide, or NO.

NO-synthases exist in three forms, two constitutive forms, the nomenclature combining neuronal NO-synthase (or NOS 1) and endothelial NO-synthase (or NOS 3), and the inducible form (or NOS 2) (Medicine/Sciences, 1992, 8, pp. 843-845).

It is moreover understood in the text that, unless otherwise indicated, the term "NO-synthase" covers all the isoforms of the enzyme.

Thus, according to the invention, the term "NO-synthase inhibitors" means any product that ultimately results in, irrespective of the isoform of NO-synthase, a reduction in the concentration of NO.

Examples that may be mentioned include products which reduce the amount of active NO-synthase, which block the enzymatic activity of NO-synthase or its induction, or which inhibit the activity of the NO produced.

5                Nitrogen monoxide has, by virtue of its structure, an extra electron making it extremely chemically reactive. It is well known that such compounds are harmful and it is sought to optimally limit their production. Accordingly, in the case of  
10 nitrogen monoxide, NO-synthase inhibitors have been widely studied.

              NO is a multifunctional signal molecule that is active in a wide variety of body tissues and systems. Besides its harmful effects on cells,  
15 associated with its hyperreactivity due to its structure comprising an extra electron, it is known, inter alia, as participating particularly in the cardiovascular system (blood pressure regulator with vasodilatory effect, platelet aggregation inhibitor  
20 with anticoagulant effect), in the nervous system (memory, modulation of the release of neurotransmitters), and in the immunological system (modulation of the immune defenses, inflammation, involvement in autoimmune pathologies).

25                It is now well accepted that NO plays a predominant role in the skin. NO may be synthesized by all the varieties of cells constituting the skin and,

in this respect, it participates in numerous complex regulation processes such as regulating cell differentiation and/or proliferation, vasodilation, melanogenesis, and the response to environmental  
5 variations (homeostasis).

Its involvement in cell differentiation and proliferation (stimulatory effect), particularly for keratinocytes, associates it both with the growth of the epidermis and cicatrization and with  
10 hyperproliferative disorders (psoriasis).

As a result of its electronic hyperreactivity, which may lead to a degradation or even a destruction of cells, NO is involved in apoptotic processes and in intrinsic and/or extrinsic  
15 aging of the skin.

It participates in cutaneous inflammatory and immunological processes. Specifically, it is commonly accepted that NO plays a role in contact hypersensitivity reactions, in cutaneous allergic  
20 manifestations, and in the skin's immune response. Similarly, besides its direct proinflammatory role, it is the mediator between neuropeptides such as substance P and/or the peptide associated with the calcitonin gene (Calcitonin Gene Related Peptide, or CGRP) in  
25 cutaneous reaction processes of neurogenic origin, hence its involvement in "sensitive skin" phenomena. Patent application WO 97/15280 has thus demonstrated

the advantage of using an NO-synthase inhibitor in the treatment of sensitive skin.

NO is also involved in reducing the skin's barrier effect and also in reducing skin  
5 moisturization.

The involvement of NO in vasodilation means that it is associated with cutaneous erythema, particularly erythema induced by ultraviolet radiation, localized or diffuse erythematous skin rashes, such as  
10 those caused by drugs, toxins and/or viral or bacterial infections, and rosacea.

NO is known as being an intermediate in melanogenesis induced by type B ultraviolet radiation (UVB). It is also thought to be one of the factors  
15 involved in disorders of hypermelanosis type.

Finally, NO appears to be involved in controlling sweating and also in hair loss.

The advantage of having available NO-synthase inhibitors may thus be appreciated. In this regard,  
20 many inhibitors have already been proposed in the prior art. Mention may be made more particularly of N<sup>G</sup>-monomethyl-L-arginine (NMMA), the methyl ester of N<sup>G</sup>-nitro-L-arginine (NAME), N<sup>G</sup>-nitro-L-arginine (NNA), N<sup>G</sup>-amino-L-arginine (NAA), N<sup>G</sup>,N<sup>G</sup>-dimethyl-arginine  
25 (asymmetric dimethylarginine, known as ADMA), diphenyleneiodonium chloride, 2-(4-carboxyphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethylimidazoline-1-oxyl 3-oxide, 7-

nitroindazole, N(5)-(1-iminoethyl)-L-ornithine,  
aminoguanidine, canavanine and ebselen.

Without questioning the efficacy of these  
products, it is noted that they are chemical compounds  
5 that can induce discomfort or even harmful side effects  
for the user, who generally prefers to use natural  
products. The aim of the present invention is to  
provide a novel NO-synthase inhibitor which furthermore  
is a natural NO-synthase inhibitor.

10 The Applicant has demonstrated, surprisingly  
and unexpectedly, that N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-  
bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine has the  
property of being an NO-synthase inhibitor,  
particularly of the inducible NO-synthase (NOS 2),  
15 which makes it a good candidate for use in applications  
in which it is found to be advantageous to use an NO-  
synthase inhibitor, particularly in cosmetics.

N,N'-Bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-  
trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine is described for its  
20 use in pharmaceutical and cosmetic compositions for  
protecting the body against oxidative stress  
(EP 0 755 925).

To the Applicant's knowledge, it is not  
described as an NO-synthase inhibitor.

25 A first subject of the invention is thus the  
use of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)-  
methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine,

in a physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine or the composition being  
5 intended to inhibit NO-synthase.

The expression "physiologically acceptable medium" means a medium that is compatible with the skin, mucous membranes, the nails and the hair.

A second subject of the invention is the use  
10 of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine, in a physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethyl-  
15 enediamine or the composition being intended for application in any field in which an inhibition of NO-synthases is found to be necessary, particularly in the field of skincare and/or haircare.

N,N'-Bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine or the composition  
20 containing it may be used to slow down or even inhibit cell differentiation and/or proliferation, and/or vasodilation, and/or melanogenesis, and/or the response to environmental variations (homeostasis).

25 Thus, a third subject of the invention is the use of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)-methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine,

in a physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine or the composition being

5 intended to slow down or even inhibit cell differentiation and/or proliferation, particularly to regulate the growth of the epidermis and/or to treat hyperproliferative disorders, for instance psoriasis.

A fourth subject of the invention is the use  
10 of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine, in a physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-  
15 ethylenediamine or the composition being intended to inhibit the degradation and/or destruction of cells and to inhibit apoptotic processes, particularly of skin cells, most particularly of keratinocytes, and/or to treat the intrinsic and/or extrinsic aging of cells,  
20 particularly of skin cells.

A fifth subject of the invention is the use of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine, in a physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or  
25 for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-ethylenediamine or the composition being intended to

inhibit or even eliminate the symptoms associated with immunological and/or inflammatory phenomena associated with NO synthesis, for instance contact hypersensitivity reactions and/or allergic manifestations and/or the immune response, particularly as regards the skin.

According to another aspect, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-ethylenediamine or the composition is intended to reduce or even inhibit skin irritation caused by external agents. The skin irritant effect is a skin response usually reflected by redness, pain or stinging, this response being generated by chemical products of natural or synthetic origin applied topically to the skin. This irritation is accompanied by an impairment in epithelial function and/or structure, which is directly associated with the effect of the product of irritant nature.

They are therefore particularly suitable in the case of skin reactions associated with processes of neurogenic origin such as certain forms of skin redness, and therefore for treating, reducing or eliminating the manifestations of "sensitive skin". These are nonspecific reactions, which are distinguished from inflammation or allergy mechanisms. These symptoms are in particular subjective signs, which are essentially dysesthetic sensations. The term



"dysesthetic sensations" means the more or less painful sensations experienced in an area of skin, for instance stinging, tingling, itching or pruritus, heating, discomfort, tautness, etc. Sensitive skin may be  
5 divided into two major clinical forms, irritable and/or reactive skin, and intolerant skin.

Irritable and/or reactive skin is skin that reacts with pruritus, i.e. with itching or stinging, to various factors such as the environment, emotions,  
10 foods, the wind, rubbing, shaving, soap, surfactants, hard water with a high calcium concentration, variations in temperature, or wool. In general, these signs are associated with dry skin with or without dry patches, or skin that shows noninflammatory erythema.

15 Intolerant skin is skin that reacts with sensations of heating, tautness, tingling and/or redness, to various factors such as the environment, emotions, foods and certain cosmetic products. In general, these signs are associated with  
20 hyperseborrheic or acneic skin with or without dry patches, and erythema.

"Sensitive" scalps have a more unequivocal clinical semiology: the sensations of pruritus and/or stinging and/or heating are essentially triggered by  
25 local factors such as rubbing, soap, surfactants, hard water with a high calcium concentration, shampoos or lotions. These sensations are also occasionally

triggered by factors such as the environment, emotions and/or foods. Erythema and hyperseborrhea of the scalp, and a dandruff-infested state, are frequently associated with the above signs.

5           A sixth subject of the invention is the use of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine, in a physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-  
10 pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine or the composition being intended to increase the skin's barrier effect or moisturization of the skin.

          A seventh subject of the invention is the use  
15 of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine, in a physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethyl-  
20 enediamine or the composition being intended to treat rosacea and/or skin erythema, particularly erythema induced by ultraviolet radiation, and/or localized or diffuse erythematous skin rashes such as those caused by drugs, toxins and/or viral or bacterial infections.

25           An eighth subject of the invention is the use of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine, in a

physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-ethylenediamine or the composition being intended to  
5 inhibit melanogenesis induced by type A and/or B ultraviolet radiation, and/or to treat disorders of hypermelanosis type.

A ninth subject of the invention is the use of an effective amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine, in a  
10 physiologically acceptable medium, in a composition or for the preparation of a composition, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-ethylenediamine or the composition being intended to  
15 control sweating and/or to stimulate lipolysis or to reduce or inhibit hair loss.

According to the invention, the composition comprising N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine may be a cosmetic or  
20 dermatological composition. Preferably, according to the invention, the composition is a cosmetic composition.

Preferably, according to the invention, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-  
25 ethylenediamine or the composition comprising it is applied topically to the skin.

According to the invention, the amount of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine extract used in the composition obviously depends on the desired effect and may thus  
5 vary within a wide range.

To give an order of magnitude, according to the invention, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine may be used in an amount representing from  $10^{-4}\%$  to 20% of the total  
10 weight of the composition, and preferably in an amount representing from  $5 \times 10^{-3}\%$  to 10% of the total weight of the composition.

Needless to say, according to the invention, N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine may be combined with other NO-  
15 synthase inhibitors, such as plant extracts, for instance an extract of at least one plant of the species *Olea europaea* or an extract of *Ginkgo biloba* or an extract of *Vitis vinifera*, or alternatively an  
20 extract of green tea or of cacao.

A tenth subject of the invention is a cosmetic treatment process for treating disorders associated with NO synthesis, characterized in that a cosmetic composition comprising at least N,N'-bis(2-  
25 pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine in a physiologically acceptable medium is

used by application to the skin, the hair and/or mucous membranes.

The cosmetic treatment process of the invention is directed toward improving the appearance  
5 of the individual suffering from disorders caused by NO synthesis.

The cosmetic treatment process of the invention may be performed especially by applying the cosmetic compositions as defined above, according to  
10 the usual technique for using these compositions. Thus, for example, it is possible to apply creams, gels, sera, lotions, makeup-removing milks or antisun compositions to the skin or to dry hair, to apply a hair lotion to wet hair, or shampoos, or alternatively  
15 to apply toothpaste to the gums.

Irrespective of the form of the composition according to the invention in which N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine is used, this composition may be ingested,  
20 injected or applied to the skin (to any area of body skin), the hair, the nails or mucous membranes (buccal, jugal, gingival, genital or conjunctival mucosa). Depending on the mode of administration, the composition according to the invention may be in any  
25 presentation form normally used.

For topical application to the skin, the composition may especially be in the form of an aqueous

or oily solution or a dispersion, of the lotion or serum type, emulsions of liquid or semi-liquid consistency of the milk type, obtained by dispersing a fatty phase in an aqueous phase (O/W) or conversely  
5 (W/O), or suspensions or emulsions of soft consistency of the aqueous or anhydrous cream or gel type, or alternatively microcapsules or microparticles or vesicular dispersions of ionic and/or nonionic type. These compositions are prepared according to the usual  
10 methods.

They may also be used for the hair in the form of aqueous, alcoholic or aqueous-alcoholic solutions, or in the form of creams, gels, emulsions or mousses, or alternatively in the form of aerosol  
15 compositions also comprising a pressurized propellant.

For injection, the composition may be in the form of an aqueous or oily lotion or in the form of a serum. For the eyes, it may be in the form of drops, and for ingestion, it may be in the form of capsules,  
20 granules, syrups or tablets.

The amounts of the various constituents of the compositions that may be used according to the invention are those that are conventionally used in the fields under consideration.

25 These compositions especially constitute cleansing, protective, treating or care creams for the face, for the hands, for the feet, for the major

anatomical folds or for the body (for example day  
creams, night creams, makeup-removing creams,  
foundation creams or antisen creams), fluid  
foundations, makeup-removing milks, protective or care  
5 body milks, antisen milks, skincare lotions, gels or  
mousses, for instance cleansing lotions, antisen  
lotions or artificial tanning lotions, bath  
compositions, deodorizing compositions comprising a  
bactericidal agent, aftershave gels or lotions, hair-  
10 removing creams, compositions for treating insect  
bites, pain-relief compositions and compositions for  
treating certain skin diseases, for instance eczema,  
rosacea, psoriasis, lichens and severe pruritus.

The compositions according to the invention  
15 may also consist of solid preparations constituting  
cleansing bars or soaps.

The compositions may also be packaged in the  
form of an aerosol composition also comprising a  
pressurized propellant.

20 The composition according to the invention  
may also be a haircare composition, and especially a  
shampoo, a hairsetting lotion, a treating lotion, a  
styling cream or gel, a dye composition (especially  
oxidation dyes) optionally in the form of coloring  
25 shampoos, restructuring lotions for the hair, a  
permanent-waving composition (especially a composition  
for the first stage of a permanent-waving operation), a

lotion or gel for preventing hair loss, an antiparasitic shampoo, etc.

The composition may also be for buccodental use, for example a toothpaste. In this case, the  
5 composition may contain adjuvants and additives that are common for compositions for buccal use, and especially surfactants, thickeners, humectants, polishing agents such as silica, various active ingredients, for instance fluorides, in particular  
10 sodium fluoride, and optionally sweeteners, for instance sodium saccharinate.

When the composition is an emulsion, the proportion of the fatty phase may range from 5% to 80% by weight and preferably from 5% to 50% by weight  
15 relative to the total weight of the composition. The oils, waxes, emulsifiers and coemulsifiers used in the composition in emulsion form are chosen from those conventionally used in the cosmetics field. The emulsifier and coemulsifier are present in the  
20 composition in a proportion ranging from 0.3% to 30% by weight and preferably from 0.5% to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition. The emulsion may also contain lipid vesicles.

When the composition is an oily solution or  
25 gel, the fatty phase may represent more than 90% of the total weight of the composition.



In a known manner, the cosmetic composition may also contain adjuvants that are common in cosmetics, such as hydrophilic or lipophilic gelling agents, hydrophilic or lipophilic additives, preserving agents, antioxidants, solvents, fragrances, fillers, screening agents, odor absorbers and dyestuffs. The amounts of these various adjuvants are those conventionally used in cosmetics, for example from 0.01% to 10% of the total weight of the composition. Depending on their nature, these adjuvants may be introduced into the fatty phase, into the aqueous phase and/or into lipid spherules.

As oils or waxes that may be used in the invention, mention may be made of mineral oils (liquid petroleum jelly), plant oils (liquid fraction of shea butter, sunflower oil), animal oils (perhydrosqualene), synthetic oils (purcellin oil), silicone oils or waxes (cyclomethicone), fluoro oils (perfluoropolyethers), beeswax, carnauba wax or paraffin wax. Fatty alcohols and fatty acids (stearic acid) may be added to these oils.

As examples of emulsifiers that may be used in the invention, mention may be made of glyceryl stearate, polysorbate 60 and the mixture of PEG-6/PEG-32/glycol stearate sold under the name Tefose® 63 by the company Gattefosse.

As solvents that may be used in the invention, mention may be made of lower alcohols, especially ethanol and isopropanol, and propylene glycol.

5           As hydrophilic gelling agents that may be used in the invention, mention may be made of carboxyvinyl polymers (carbomer), acrylic copolymers such as acrylate/alkylacrylate copolymers, polyacrylamides, polysaccharides such as  
10 hydroxypropylcellulose, natural gums and clays, and, as lipophilic gelling agents, mention may be made of modified clays, for instance bentones, metal salts of fatty acids, for instance aluminum stearates, hydrophobic silica, ethylcellulose and polyethylene.

15           The composition may contain other hydrophilic active agents, for instance proteins or protein hydrolyzates, amino acids, polyols, urea, allantoin, sugars and sugar derivatives, water-soluble vitamins, plant extracts and hydroxy acids.

20           Lipophilic active agents that may be used include retinol (vitamin A) and its derivatives, tocopherol (vitamin E) and its derivatives, essential fatty acids, ceramides, essential oils and salicylic acid and its derivatives.

25           According to the invention, the composition may combine at least one N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine extract

with other active agents intended especially for preventing and/or treating skin complaints. Examples of these active agents that may be mentioned include:

- agents for modifying cutaneous differentiation  
5 and/or proliferation and/or pigmentation, such as retinoic acid and its isomers, retinol and its esters, vitamin D and its derivatives, kojic acid or hydroquinone;
- antibacterial agents such as clindamycin phosphate,  
10 erythromycin or antibiotics of the tetracycline class;
- antiparasitic agents, in particular metronidazole, crotamiton or pyrethroids;
- antifungal agents, in particular compounds belonging  
15 to the imidazole class, such as econazole, ketoconazole or miconazole or the salts thereof, polyene compounds, such as amphotericin B, compounds of the allylamine family, such as terbinafine, or octopirox;
- 20 - nonsteroidal antiinflammatory agents, for instance ibuprofen and its salts, diclofenac and its salts, acetylsalicylic acid, acetaminophen or glycyrrhetic acid;
- anesthetics such as lidocaine hydrochloride and its  
25 derivatives;
- antipruriginous agents, for instance thenaldine, trimeprazine or cyproheptadine;

- keratolytic agents such as  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -hydroxycarboxylic acids or  $\beta$ -keto carboxylic acids, and the salts, amides or esters thereof and more particularly hydroxy acids such as glycolic acid, lactic acid, salicylic acid, citric acid and fruit acids in general, and 5-n-octanoylsalicylic acid;
- free-radical scavengers, such as  $\alpha$ -tocopherol or its esters, superoxide dismutases, certain metal-chelating agents or ascorbic acid and its esters;
- antiseborrheic agents such as progesterone;
- antidandruff agents, for instance octopirox or zinc pyrithione;
- antiacne agents, for instance retinoic acid or benzoyl peroxide;
- extracts of plant or microbial origin;
- peptides and derivatives thereof, for instance the tripeptide Lys-Pro-Val.

The examples and compositions that follow illustrate the invention without limiting it in any way. In the compositions, the proportions indicated are percentages by weight.

Example 1: Biological activity of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)-methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine:

The activity of N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine on

inducible NO-synthase was evaluated in the test described by Heck et al. (J.B.C., Vol. 267, No. 30, 21277-21280, October 25 1992).

The object of this test is to show the  
5 reduction in the concentration of nitrate and nitrite, ultimately, after stimulating NO-synthase 2.

The following controls were introduced into the tests:

- A: positive control (induction of the enzyme):  
10 mixtures of interferon- $\gamma$  (1000 U/ml) and of interleukin 1- $\beta$  (100 U/ml);
- B: negative control (maximum inhibition): N<sup>G</sup>-monomethyl-L-arginine (L form) at 200  $\mu$ m;
- C: control of inhibition specificity: N<sup>G</sup>-monomethyl-L-  
15 arginine (D form) at 200  $\mu$ m.

To determine the activity of the test product, the amount of stable NO reaction products (nitrites and nitrates) is measured using the "nitric colorimetric assay" kit sold by the company Boehringer  
20 under the reference 1756.28.

N,N'-Bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine was tested at concentrations of 10  $\mu$ M, 50  $\mu$ M and 100  $\mu$ M in ethanol.

Test product	% inhibition
A	0
B	100
C	0
N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine: 10 $\mu$ M	18.8%
N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine: 50 $\mu$ M	48.3%
N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine: 100 $\mu$ M	62%

N,N'-Bis(2-pyridyl)methyl-N,N'-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)ethylenediamine has an inhibitory effect on inducible NO-synthase.

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Example 2:

Examples of formulations illustrating the invention. These compositions were obtained by simple mixing of the various components.

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Composition 1: Facial gel

Compound	0.1	%
Methyl paraben	0.2	%
Carbomer	0.7	%
Polyethylene glycol (8 EO)	10.0	%
Imidazolidinylurea	0.3	%
Triethanolamine	0.58	%
Water	qs	100 %

## Composition 2: Lotion

Compound		2.00	%
Antioxidant		0.05	%
Isopropanol		40.00	%
Preserving agent		0.30	%
Water	qs	100	%

## Composition 3: Care gel

Compound		2.00	%
Hydroxypropylcellulose*		1.00	%
Antioxidant		0.05	%
Isopropanol		40.00	%
Preserving agent		0.30	%
Water	qs	100	%

## 5 Composition 4: Care cream (oil-in-water emulsion)

Compound		5.00	%
Glyceryl stearate		2.00	%
Polysorbate 60**		1.00	%
Stearic acid		1.40	%
Triethanolamine		0.70	%
Carbomer		0.40	%
Liquid fraction of shea butter		12.00	%
Perhydrosqualene		12.00	%
Antioxidant		0.05	%
Fragrance		0.50	%
Preserving agent		0.30	%
Water	qs	100	%

## Composition 5: Shampoo

Compound	0.50	%
Hydroxypropylcellulose*	1.00	%
Fragrance	0.50	%
Preserving agent	0.30	%
Water	qs	100 %

## Composition 6: Care cream (oil/water emulsion)

Compound	5.00	%
Glyceryl stearate	2.00	%
Polysorbate 60**	1.00	%
Stearic acid	1.40	%
5-n-Octanoylsalicylic acid	0.50	%
Triethanolamine	0.70	%
Carbomer	0.40	%
Liquid fraction of shea butter	12.00	%
Perhydrosqualene	12.00	%
Antioxidant	0.05	%
Fragrance	0.50	%
Preserving agent	0.30	%
Water	qs	100 %

## 5 Composition 7: Pain-relief gel

Compound	3.00	%
Hydroxypropylcellulose*	1.00	%
Antioxidant	0.05	%
Lidocaine hydrochloride	2.00	%



Isopropanol		40.00	%
Preserving agent		0.30	%
Water	qs	100	%

Composition 8: Care cream for solar erythema (oil-in-water emulsion)

Compound		5.00	%
Glyceryl stearate		2.00	%
Polysorbate 60**		1.00	%
Stearic acid		1.40	%
Glycyrrhetic acid		2.00	%
Triethanolamine		0.70	%
Carbomer		0.40	%
Liquid fraction of shea butter		12.00	%
Sunflower oil		10.00	%
Antioxidant		0.05	%
Fragrance		0.50	%
Preserving agent		0.30	%
Water	qs	100	%

5 Composition 9: Gel for treating acne

Compound		5.00	%
All-trans-retinoic acid		0.05	%
Hydroxypropylcellulose*		1.00	%
Antioxidant		0.05	%
Isopropanol		40.00	%
Preserving agent		0.30	%
Water	qs	100	%

## Composition 10: Lotion for removing acne scars

Compound	5.00	%
Glycolic acid	50.00	%
Hydroxypropylcellulose*	0.05	%
Preserving agent	0.30	%
NaOH	qs	pH = 2.8
Ethanol	qs	100 %

\* : Klucel H® sold by the company Hercules

\*\* : Tween 60® sold by the company ICI